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SUBJECT: GRAIN TRADE INTELLIGENCE: EASTERN EUROPE

REF: EC BRUSSELS 01657

1. THE SAME TRADE SOURCE MENTIONED REFTEL GAVE US THE FOLLOWING
ESTIMATES OF THE EASTERN EUROPE GRAIN SITUATION:

1974/74 1975/76

(MILLION TONS)

PRODUCTION 89.5 80.3

USAGE 96.3(1) N.A.

EXPORTS 2.6 2.0

IMPORTS 10.7 11.8(2)

(1) CALENDAR 1975

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(2) KNOWN AS OF NOW

2. OUR SOURCE ESTIMATES CHANGES IN PRODUCTION BY GRAINS IN 1975 COMPARED TO 1974 AS FOLLOWS (MILLION M.T.):

(MILLION M.T.)

WHEAT -4.4

RYE -1.9

CORN PLUS 3.6

BARLEY -1.1

OATS -0.3

OTHER PLUS 0.1

FEEDGRAINS PLUS 2.3

FOOD GRAINS MINUS 6.3

WE ARE UNABLE FOR THE MOMENT TO OBTAIN ACTUAL PRODUCTION BY GRAINS.

3. FOOD USAGE OF GRAINS IN EASTERN EUROPE IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE 0.5 PERCENT, REFLECTING AN ANNUAL POPULATION RATE OF GROWTH OF 0.7 PERCENT. FEED USAGE IS EXPECTED TO DECLINE SLIGHTLY RESPONDING TO A TEMPORARY SLOWDOWN IN THE GROWTH OF LIVESTOCK NUMBERS. IN PARTICULAR, THE GROWTH IN PIG AND POULTRY NUMBERS IS EXPECTED TO AVERAGE BELOW 1974/75.

4. SUMMARIZING THE EASTERN EUROPE GRAIN SITUATION, OUR SOURCE EXPECTS LESS WHEAT AND GRAINS OTHER THAN CORN TO BE FED, AND CORN CONSUMPTION TO INCREASE REFLECTING A GOOD CORN CROP. WHEAT AND CORN IMPORTS SHOULD BE UP BY ABOUT A MILLION TONS EACH OVER 1974/75 LEVELS. EAST EUROPEAN IMPORTS FROM THE USSR IN 1975/76 SHOULD BE DOWN BY 3 MILLION TONS FOR WHEAT AND 0.5 MILLION TONS FOR COARSE GRAINS COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS YEAR. EAST EUROPE'S IMPORTS FROM THE WEST IN 1975/76 CONSEQUENTLY SHOULD INCREASE BY 4 MILLION TONS FOR WHEAT AND 1.5 MILLION TONS FOR COARSE GRAINS.

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